

Q&A on the News

Q: I noticed under the Georgia secretary of state site, the corporation that controls the Fox Theatre is Atlanta Landmarks, whose address is listed at 660 Peachtree St., same as the Fox. It is listed as a nonprofit corporation. How can that be since it is a commercial enterprise and the building is used for profit?

— *Rose Trujillo, Atlanta*

A: As a nonprofit charitable corporation, Atlanta Landmarks has owned and operated the Fox Theatre for the benefit of the metropolitan Atlanta community for more than 30 years, spokeswoman Kristen Delaney wrote in an e-mail to Q&A on the News. Atlanta Landmarks is governed by its board of directors, which is responsible for carrying out Atlanta Landmarks' charitable mission of restoring, preserving and protecting the Fox Theatre for the benefit of the general public, she added. "No one owns or 'profits' from Atlanta Landmarks. As a nonprofit corporation, Atlanta Landmarks is a public resource charged with the responsibility of operating

the Fox Theatre in a way that will ensure its long-term preservation as a National Historic Landmark and also as a specially designated Georgia Museum Building," she wrote. She added that Atlanta Landmarks does not operate the Fox Theatre as a commercial enterprise but operates the Fox Theatre to generate an operating surplus each year, to the extent possible. "This surplus is used to defray a portion of the significant cost of maintaining and preserving the Fox Theatre. It is also used to pay for the many arts education and other charitable outreach programs sponsored by Atlanta Landmarks at the Fox Theatre," she wrote. "Any operating surplus generated by the Fox Theatre is used, in other words, solely for the purpose of carrying out Atlanta Landmarks' charitable purposes and functions."

Lori Johnston wrote this column. Do you have a question about the news? We'll try to get the answer. Call 404-222-2002 or e-mail q&a@ajc.com (include name, phone and city).